

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of June 28, 2006 has been received and its contents reviewed. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application, and for indicating the allowance of claims 3-8.

Claims 1-10 are pending, of which claims 1, 3, 6 and 9 are independent.

In the detailed Office Action, claims 1-2 and 9-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant's admitted prior art (hereafter APA) Figures 7A-7B. This rejection is respectfully traversed at least for the reasons provided below.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-2 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant's admitted prior art (APA) Figures 7A-7B. Particularly, the Examiner states that Figs. 7A-7B of APA disclose forming a first wiring pattern (705) over a substrate (101) by exposing to light through a reticle (102) and forming a second wiring pattern 706 by exposing to light through the same reticle (102). In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the first wiring pattern (705) and the second wiring pattern (706) shown in Fig. 7B are not the same pattern, although they appear to be disposed on the same reticle (102). To facilitate the explanation of these distinct features, Applicant attaches herewith Attachment A with mark ups in Figs. 7A and 7B to explain the features shown therein. According to the attached Figs. 7A and 7B, the first and second wiring patterns are different from each other because of leading out from a signal input terminal to an edge of the substrate.

In addition, if a wiring pattern which is a same as a first wiring pattern (705) were regarded as the same a second wiring pattern, then first wiring pattern (705) and the second wiring pattern (706) would have the same pattern. However, in such a case as shown in Fig. 7B, the first and second wiring patterns are not the same and are not electrically connected.

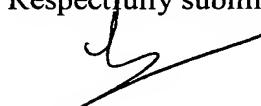
Applicant respectfully encourages the Examiner to compare reticle 102 and the wiring pattern thereon of the presently claimed invention as shown in Fig. 10B, for example, with the prior art reticle 102 shown in Fig. 7B. In Fig. 10B, it can be seen that the same pattern is used, whereas in Fig. 7B different patterns are used.

Since each and every feature of the present claims is not taught (and is not inherent) in the teachings of APA, as is required by MPEP Chapter 2131 in order to establish anticipation, the rejection of claims 1-2 and 9-10, under 35 U.S.C. §102(a), as anticipated by APA is

improper.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-2 and 9-10 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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ATTACHMENT A

FIG. 7A

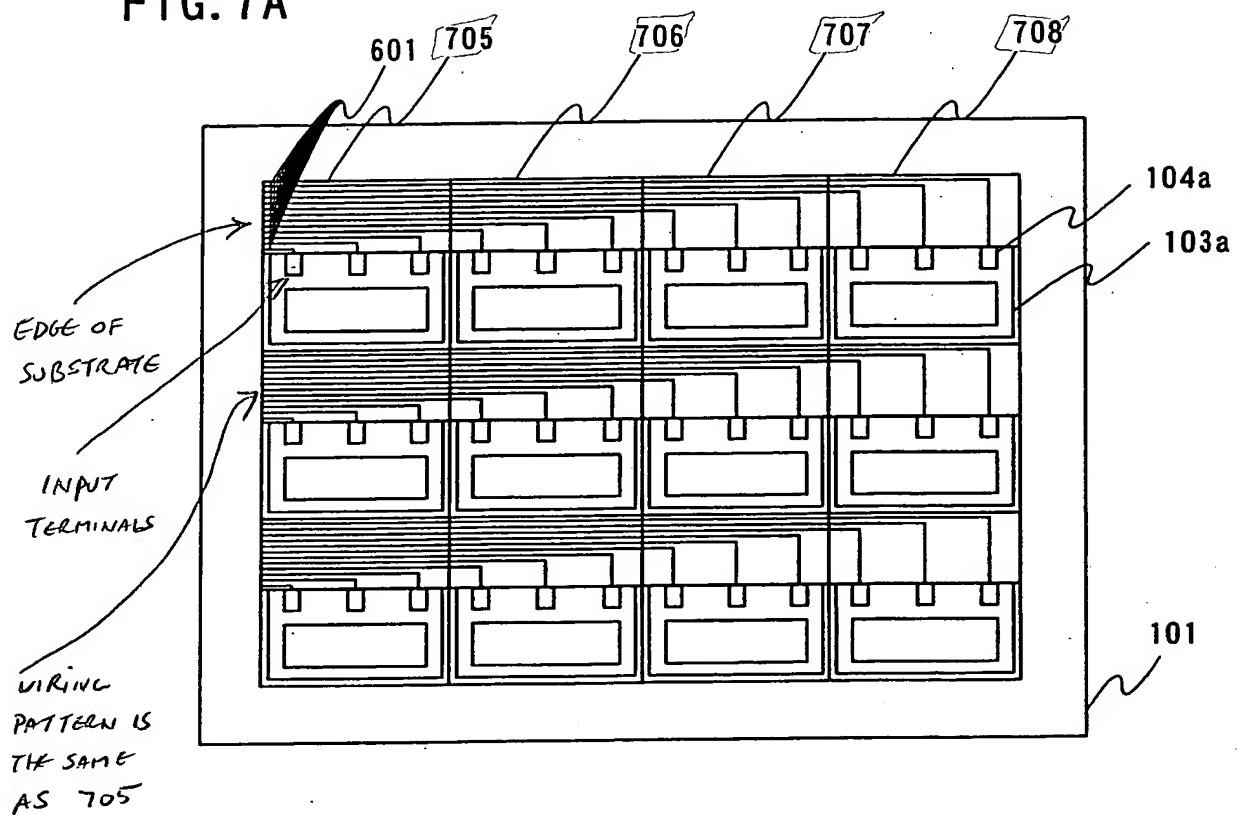


FIG. 7B

